

Edwards Secures Funding to Help Alvarado Complete Wastewater Treatment Plant

(WASHINGTON, DC) – Congressman Chet Edwards announced the city of Alvarado will receive \$250,000 towards its efforts to build a new wastewater treatment plant. The funding was included by Edwards in the final 2009 Appropriations bill, which passed the House today by a vote of 245 to 178.

“A new wastewater treatment system is critical to future economic growth in Alvarado,” said Edwards. “I am pleased that we were able to include this funding for the new sewer pipeline in the bill, because it will help local leaders to complete this important project and plan for the future.”

Over the past several years, a number of residents and city leaders in Alvarado have expressed their support for a new wastewater treatment plant to meet the demands of a growing city. In 2008, Edwards supported a U.S. Department of Agriculture rural development loan of \$2.3 million to help build the new Alvarado Wastewater Treatment Plant. This low interest loan and grant will help the city to better manage population growth, which has grown over 11% the past several years.

“Replacing this line is vital to future economic growth and will enhance our new wastewater treatment plant which is currently under construction. We are grateful for the efforts of Congressman Edwards to acquire funding to assist us in replacing a critical sewer line,” said Alvarado Mayor Tom Durlington.

The new plant, currently under construction and slated for completion in July 2009, is designed to meet the needs of Alvarado for many years to come. This pipeline replacement is directly linked to the construction of the new wastewater treatment plant, but since its costs were not covered under the USDA loan, Edwards acted to find federal funds that would enable the project to be completed.